

TOLD A TALE OF BLACK HAND.

POLICE THINK GRECO A FRAUD
AND LOCK HIM UP.

He Said He Had Been Kept in a Cellar for Eighty Hours for Advising His Boyhood Friend to Tell the Police of the Demands of a Black Hand Gang for \$500.

Pasquale Greco, a tailor living at 188 Sullivan street, was brought into the Fifth street police station at 1 o'clock yesterday morning with a story to tell of having been bound and gagged and kept in a cellar for eighty hours by five fellow Italians, constituting themselves into a Black Hand society. Greco wore a clean shirt and had one day's growth of beard on his face.

Despite his story of fearful suffering from hunger and thirst Greco ate mindfully a sandwich and a banana offered by the police and drank half a glass of water. Later in the morning Detectives George Barnette and Frank Malone of the Mercer street station took Greco with them on a hunt for the supposed kidnapers. At a o'clock in the afternoon the detectives brought him back to the Mercer street station, and there he was locked up as a suspicious character pending his appearance in the Jefferson Market court this morning.

The police say that Greco is the chief conspirator in an ingenious blackmailing scheme directed against Alfonso Schettini, an Italian groceryman of 21 Downing street. They believe that the bugaboo of Black Hand was raised by Greco, and possibly others, not yet apprehended, to make Schettini out of \$500.

Three weeks ago Enrico Prota, who owns a grocery store at 21 Downing street, sailed for Europe, leaving the business in the hands of his son-in-law and partner, Schettini. Prota had hardly been gone a week when threatening letters began to come through the mail to Schettini. The envelopes were addressed to Prota, but the letters within were directed to Schettini. They breathed murder and sudden death to the acting partner in the grocery store, the destruction of his house by dynamite and the kidnapping of "somebody dear to him" if \$500 was not delivered immediately over to the Black Hand. Emphasis was given to these letters by an ink sketch of the dreaded hand at the bottom of each.

Schettini became alarmed and consulted with Greco, his friend from boyhood. Greco advised that the police be notified, and this was done by Schettini. Detectives Barnette and De Guida arranged a dummy roll of bills for Schettini to deliver to the blackmailers and shadowed his store.

On Wednesday a man, who later gave his name as Arturo Ricci, and whose residence at Mills Hotel No. 1, entered Schettini's store. "Have you got that \$500 for the Black Hand?" he asked. "They caught your old friend Greco this morning and they will see you next. You'd better pay up now."

The groceryman promptly gave over the roll of dummy bills and the emissary of the blackmailers was at once arrested by the detectives, who had been within the shop of the conversation. Ricci was arraigned the next morning in the Jefferson Market court and held by the Magistrate.

When the threats began to arrive at Schettini's place of business Greco manifested a lively alarm for the safety of his friend and counselled the greatest precaution in safeguarding himself and his family. On Saturday last Greco burst in upon Schettini, big eyed with news. The night before, he said, he had ridden down on the elevated road to the Battery. There in a dark shadow four big Black Handers suddenly surrounded him.

"You are in bad business advising Schettini to set the police on us. If you don't look out you will get into trouble and your dear friend Schettini will never see you again."

This was their grim warning as faithfully reported to Schettini by Greco. The next move in the game against the groceryman was that made early yesterday morning. About 1 o'clock Eugene Drua, a tailor living at 208 First avenue, appeared breathless before the desk of the First avenue station and told Desk Sergeant Sullivan that he had just found a man lying bound in the hallway of 827 East Eleventh street and that he had out him loose. A policeman was sent back with Drua and Greco was brought to the station. There he unfolded his tale.

Late on Tuesday night, said Greco, he left Washington Park square, where he had been sitting smoking, and walked down Sullivan street toward his home. On the corner of Bleeker street, which is well lighted, five men sprang at him from a doorway. They threw him down, gagged and bound him and, after bandaging his eyes, threw him into a wagon behind three barrels and drove off with him. Where his captors took him Greco did not know. After a long ride he found himself in the cellar of a house, lighted by one lamp, but otherwise unfurnished.

There, Greco asserted, he was mercilessly kicked and mauled by the five men and finally left bound and gagged with a red bandanna handkerchief to reflect upon the sin of opposing Black Hand societies. His captors forgot to leave any water or food behind. Greco told Sgt. Sullivan that he would recognize any one of the five kidnapers if he should see him.

After Greco completed his story the police on duty at the Fifth street station questioned Drua, the man who had reported having found Greco bound in the hallway. Drua's answers were not convincing, and besides the police found in one of his pockets a piece of cord similar to that with which Greco had been bound. On the strength of these facts Drua was held by the police, but released late yesterday afternoon.

Greco was taken to the Mercer street station and held pending investigation. After the police had been working on the case for a few hours they became convinced that any Black Hand kidnappers be in the attempt to blackmail Schettini will be found attached to one of Greco's friends. Schettini thinks that his good friend Greco probably knows the author of the threatening letter.

YOCKERS NOT MURDERED.
A Second Inquest Results in a Verdict of Suicide.
Coroner Ambler held a second inquest at Jamaica yesterday in the case of Benjamin Yockers, who was found dead in a field at East Elmhurst, L. I., on June 14 with a bullet in his head. A Coroner's jury had already pronounced it a case of suicide, but owing to statements made by relatives of Yockers it was decided by the Queens county District Attorney to reopen the inquiry, and Mrs. Maria Yockers, the widow and her brother, George G. Jobborn, of 1219 Decatur street, Brooklyn, were arrested as witnesses.

The second jury also decided yesterday that Yockers had taken his own life. To-morrow Mrs. Yockers and her brother will be taken before Magistrate Smith in Long Island City and the District Attorney will move for their release.

Mrs. Yockers testified that she had lived for years as the common law wife of John Haul at 702 Hart street, Brooklyn, and had had two children by him. She said that on June 11, while Haul was absent, Yockers called on her and told her that she had been deserted by Haul. The witness alleged that Yockers compelled her to accompany him to a church on Broadway street, Brooklyn, where they were married.

On June 14 Haul appeared in front of the house where she and Yockers were living, and then Haul had an encounter with Yockers, who was accompanied by Jobborn. A policeman came up and put an end to the row and allowed the Hauls to go, taking care that they departed in opposite directions. During the quarrel Yockers had drawn a revolver, but it was not loaded. As Yockers went away after the fight he was told to his wife, she testified, and said: "You can go with Haul; you will never see me again."

Jobborn gave corroborative testimony. When Mrs. Yockers and her brother were arrested search was made for Haul, but he was not found.

Stern Brothers

Decided Reductions, To-morrow in
Women's Summer Dresses

WHITE NET DRESSES, handsomely trimmed with ribbon and lace, at \$9.50, 16.50
Formerly from \$13.75 to 29.50

BOX COAT SUITS, of White and Colored Linen, at \$11.75
Reduced from \$14.50

ETON COAT SUITS, of Colored and White Linen, handsomely trimmed, Formerly \$15.75 to 25.00, \$9.50

WHITE LAWN AND LINEN DRESSES, trimmed with lace and embroidery, \$4.75
Formerly from \$6.50 to 8.75

Special Offering of
Women's Rainproof Garments

in Tan and Oxford, plaited or loose back, with belt,
at \$9.25, 12.75 and 16.50

Mild-Summer Sale of
Desirable Household Linens

		at	\$1.88, 2.65, 4.00
DAMASK	2x2 yds.,	at	2.35, 3.00, 5.00
TABLE	2x3 "	"	2.85, 3.40, 5.90
CLOTHS	2 1/2 x 2 1/2 "	"	3.50, 4.00, 5.75
	2 1/2 x 3 "	"	4.15, 4.88, 7.00
NAPKINS	Breakfast Size, Doz.	"	\$1.90, 2.38, 4.50
	Dinner "	"	2.75, 3.50, 5.50
HUCK TOWELS,	"	"	2.75, 4.00, 5.40
TURKISH TOWELS, Hemstitched,	"	"	2.90, 4.20, 5.75
LINEN SHEETS, "	Pair	"	4.25, 5.50, 7.25
LINEN PILLOW CASES, "	"	"	1.00, 1.25, 1.50

Infants' Outfitting Dep't

Dresses, in Yoke, Empire, Russian, Guimpe and Princess Styles, made of Nainsook, Lawn, Pique and Linen, trimmed with lace and embroideries.
Long Slips in Yoke and Robe Styles with real Valenciennes Lace and Hand Embroidered.
Lingerie Coats and Hats.

To-morrow, will be placed on sale
Hand Made Guimpes, 2 to 8 yrs., 75c, 89c, 95c

Closing Out Sale of Misses' and Children's
Summer Dresses

TWO-PIECE SUITS, SHIRT WAIST DRESSES AND ONE-PIECE GING HAMS IN A GREAT VARIETY OF STYLES

at 95c, \$1.75, 2.95 and 4.50
Former Prices \$2.95 to 16.50

West Twenty-Third Street

Reduction Sale of
FURNITURE

We quote a few examples only of our extraordinary reductions:

FOR THE PARLOR—

5-Piece Suits, formerly \$55 to \$150. Now \$30 to \$97.50
3-Piece Gold Suits, formerly \$200. Now \$137.50
Mahogany 3-Piece Suits, formerly \$40 to \$150. Now \$25 to \$97.50

FOR THE DINING ROOM—

Sideboards (oak and mahogany), former prices ranging from \$45 to \$175. Now \$25 to \$120
China Closets, formerly \$40 to \$150. Now \$22.50 to \$95
Extension Tables (round or square), original prices \$20 to \$120. Now at \$12.50 to \$75

A word as to quality of these goods: They are all from our carefully selected stock, and not a piece has been manufactured for so-called "Special Sales," but are made by high-class manufacturers in the best possible manner. Many in our own workrooms. We guarantee a reduction in price of from

33 1/3% to 50%

A COMPARISON WITH GOODS OFFERED AT OTHER SALES WILL MAKE YOU A PROMPT PURCHASER HERE.

SHEPPARD KNAPP & CO.

Sixth Ave., 13th and 14th Streets.

GREAT BARGAINS.

The Suits we are making to order from remnants at \$18. The Coats and Trousers, \$16. Separate Trousers, \$5. Some of them are heavy enough to wear late in the Fall. Our competent cutters and tailors will give you the style and workmanship, and if not satisfactory they remain here.

ARNHEIM,

Broadway & Ninth Street.

H. O'Neill & Co.

O'Neill-Adams Co

Adams Dry Goods Co.

Important Announcement

A consolidation of the houses of H. O'Neill & Co. and the Adams Dry Goods Co., two of the oldest established and best known retail houses in the city, has just been effected, and will be conducted in future as the O'Neill-Adams Co.

An impelling motive for this consolidation has been a recognition of the fact that a house that would compete successfully for a good share of the popular trade of the immense population of Greater New York and its suburban territory—estimated at something over six million—should have as essential factors large space, great stocks and assortments of desirable merchandise at the lowest prices possible, a sales-system that makes shopping a pleasure instead of a bore, honest advertising announcements and a prompt and efficient delivery service, all of which will be found in their ripest development in the O'Neill-Adams stores.

Occupying two blocks fronting on Sixth avenue from 20th to 21st street, and from 21st to 22d street, these two stores, that have been popular with the people of New York and neighboring towns for well nigh a third of a century, will in their consolidation constitute one of the largest and best equipped retail dry goods houses in the United States.

A striking incident of this consolidation is the concentration of purchasing power it gives to the O'Neill-Adams Co. by placing it

among the largest operators in America, thereby giving it a commanding buying power in the markets of the world that will enable it to purchase and offer at much lower prices than were possible in either H. O'Neill & Co. or the Adams Dry Goods Co. individually.

To the patrons of both stores, as well as the public at large, the management of the O'Neill-Adams Co. would direct particular attention to the fact that in their conduct of the business exorbitant profits will find no place, and that the merchandise it will offer, while always the best obtainable, will be sold at the lowest prices.

The management would also emphasize the fact that the advertising of the O'Neill-Adams Co. will be absolutely reliable. Merchandise will always be found as advertised. No exaggeration of values or misleading descriptions of styles will be permitted, and purchasers can therefore absolutely rely upon finding goods exactly as described in the advertising announcements.

Patrons having an account with one store will now find they can charge purchases with equal facility at either store.

Great Price Concessions in Women's
Ready-to-Wear Suits

MUCH BELOW HALF VALUE.

O'Neill Building—4d Floor.

More than three hundred Suits, in the lot, comprising Etons of Panama Cloth, Pony Coat Suits of White Serge, Lingerie Dresses and odd Suits of which there are only one or two of a kind.

A collection of surpassing interest to those who have immediate wants and would enjoy an unusual bit of economy.

Women's Panama Suits, on which regular prices were \$20 to \$27; reduced to	\$10
Women's Cloth Suits, on which regular prices were \$30 and \$35; reduced to	\$15
Women's White Serge Suits, on which regular prices were \$45 and \$50; reduced to	\$25
Women's Lingerie Dresses, regularly priced at \$20; reduced now to	\$10
Women's Linen Suits, on which regular prices were \$20 and \$25; reduced to	\$10

With the above we shall offer a number of very high-grade street suits—suitable for travelling and early Fall wear—at similar reductions.

Very Special Sale To-morrow of
1,000 Fine Lawn Waists.

UNDER PRICE.

O'Neill Building—3d Floor.

Represented in this collection of Waists are all the newest ideas of the Summer season, in styles not only particularly attractive, but practically exclusive with this store.

The variety of kinds is so numerous and so many styles are included, that detailed description is out of the question. You are to choose, however, at

98c., \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.68 up to \$2.98.

Waists which we have considered splendid values all season at from \$1.75 to \$4.75. Mostly with Dutch necks and elbow sleeves. Trimmings of embroidery and Val. lace, as well as baby Irish insertings.

Kimono and Sacques: Of figured lawn, twenty-five dozens in the lot; mostly samples that were made to sell for not less than 75c; at 35c |

New Black Silk Waists

Advance models for Fall. Three distinct styles in this lot. Splendid quality silk; open front or open back; long and short sleeves; trimmings of Venise medallions, braid and tucks; specially priced at 5.95 |

Sale of Imported and Domestic
Fancy Dress Silks

O'Neill Building—1st Floor.

These are Silks designed especially for early Fall wear, and comprise innumerable styles in the new hair-line stripes, checks, Broche figures, etc., in all the popular colorings. All the very best styles and colorings are included.

At 45c Yard; Value \$1.

With the advance news of the popularity of fancy silks for Fall wear this offering of imported and domestic kinds at so low a figure should bring unusual response.

Now For a Final Clearance of
Wash Dress Fabrics

O'Neill Building—1st Floor.

In the first lot are upward of 4,500 yards of superfine quality Printed Batiste and French Organdies; choice of this season's newest designs; values up to 25c. yard, at 12 1/2c |

Imported Dress Linens, splendid lot of colorings; a clearance of all we have in widths from 27 to 45 inches; formerly priced up to 59c. yard; to go at 21c |

Remnants, of all kinds of this season's wash fabrics; lengths from 2 to 10 yards; values up to 35c. yard; all at 9c |

First Showing of
New Wool Dress Goods

O'Neill Building—1st Floor.

First Exhibition of the New Dress Materials for Fall, our own exclusive designs direct from the European makers. The collection comprises

Fancy Plaids, Tartan Shadow Plaids, Shadow Stripe
Settings, Clan Plaids, and Ombre Plaids.

Materials of highest Character—all marked at low prices.

Imported Scotch Cloths

in the new Panama weave—McDonald, Victoria,
Forbes, Gordon, Royal Stewart, Prince of Wales,
Forty-Second, Campbell of Loudon, McLeod, &c. } \$1.00
46 inches wide at—Per yard

A Great Sale of New and Perfect
Negligee Shirts for Men

\$1 Quality at 65c

Adams Building—1st Floor.

There are sixteen hundred and fifty Shirts in the lot, and they did not reach the store from the factory until yesterday morning; hence are spic-span new and fresh out of their boxes.

All guaranteed perfect in fit, finish and quality of materials, being made of 65c a very firm, strong grade of Woven Madras; nothing better for wear or laundering.

These Shirts come in both plain negligee and in the popular plaid fronts; patterns are all new, combining white grounds with neat black figures and woven effects; also new blues, grays and tans. Separate cuffs. Sizes 14 to 17 inch.

There isn't a Shirt in the lot you can duplicate in any store below One Dollar. These at 65c.

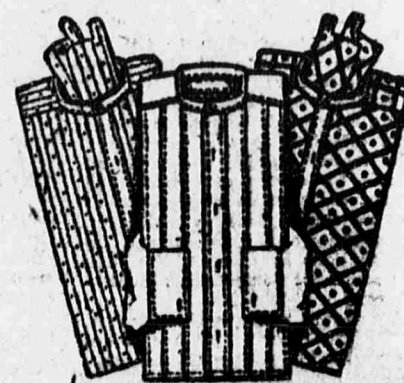


Table Linens and Bed Spreads.

Adams Building—1st Floor.

Where in all New York can you match these prices or duplicate the values? We know it is NOT to be done.

40c. Table Damask at, yard. 25c	\$1.35 Bed Spreads, Large size Mar-	
Pure white heavy Table Damask, six pat-	seilles pattern White Crochet	
terns to choose from.	Bed Spreads, each.....	98c
60c. Table Damask at, yard. 39c	\$1.65 Bed Spreads, Beautiful	
Extra heavy all Linen silver bleached	Marseilles pattern White Cro-	
Table Damask.	chet Bed Spreads, large size.....	1.25
75c. Table Damask at, yard. 54c	\$2.00 Bed Spreads, Marseilles pattern	
Irish Linen pure white Satin Table Dam-	White Crochet Bed Spreads,	
ask; beautiful quality; choice new patterns.	splendid quality, large size, each.....	1.49
90c. Table Damask at, yard. 68c	\$2.25 Bed Spreads, Extra large size	
Two yards wide, extra heavy and fine	White Crochet Bed Spreads,	
Linen Satin Table Damask; handsome	pretty Marseilles patterns, each.....	1.65
designs.	\$2.75 Bed Spreads, White Marseilles	
\$2.50 Table Cloths at, each. 1.89	Bed Spreads, beautiful raised	
Heavy, pure white Irish Linen Damask	patterns, large size, each.....	1.98
Table Cloths, with handsome borders all	\$3.25 Bed Spreads, Handsome satin	
around; size 2 1/2 yards long.	finished White Marseilles Bed Spreads,	
	new centre patterns, extra	
	large size, each.....	2.50

Final Midsummer Clearance of
Lace and Linen ROBES

(Slightly Soiled.)

Adams Building—1st Floor.

Following a Robe season unparalleled in the history of this or any other store, we naturally have accumulated quite a collection of various sorts that have become slightly soiled or mussed from handling.

We can hardly accept them as a part of clean, fresh stock; hence the clearance prices which will enable you to come into possession of the best sorts we have had this season—at away below their worth.

Lace Robes at \$6.75; Formerly \$12.00.	
Batiste Robes at \$7.98; Formerly \$15.00.	
Linen Robes at \$7.98; Formerly \$15.00.	
Batiste Robes at \$10.98; Formerly \$18.00.	
Batiste Robes at \$19.45; Formerly \$35.00.	
Linen Robes at \$15.00; Formerly \$25.00.	

There are quite a number of styles and kinds represented in each lot, so that the choosing is something unusual. None of them is sufficiently hurt to impair their appearance when once made up.

These Great Carpet Specials

Offered for Monday and Tuesday

Adams Building—3d Floor.

Four lots of new-season patterns, which came to us from one of the mills that supplies us with much of our regular stock. All perfect, but supplied to you at a big saving to start the season.

All Wool Ingrains; extra quality; regular price 75c. yard; this sale at	59c
Tapestry Brussels; fine patterns; regular 90c. quality; this sale at	69c
Wool Velvets; very finest grade; regular \$1.15 quality; this sale at	79c
Axminsters; beautiful patterns; regular \$1.75 quality; this sale at	98c
59c. Linoleum at 39c.; Genuine Cork Linoleum, all perfect and full two yards wide. Newest styles and patterns represented in a great many colorings. One thousand yards to be sold at this price.	